Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. **(currently amended)** A vehicle wheel ~~(4)~~ comprising a hub ~~(8)~~ suitable for being mounted rotatably on an axle ~~(6)~~ of the wheel ~~(4)~~, the axle ~~(6)~~ extending in an axial direction, a rim ~~(32)~~ suitable for being associated with a tyre ~~(44)~~, the rim ~~(32)~~ having a lateral surface ~~(46)~~ suitable for delimiting, together with the tyre ~~(44)~~, an inflation chamber ~~(48)~~ for the tyre ~~(44)~~, at least one spoke ~~(52)~~ which fixes the rim ~~(32)~~ and the hub ~~(8)~~ together for rotation relative to the axle ~~(6)~~ of the wheel ~~(4)~~, the spoke ~~(52)~~ comprising a hub-attachment portion ~~(56)~~ and a rim-attachment portion ~~(60)~~, **wherein** ~~in which~~ at least a section of the rim-attachment portion ~~(60)~~ constitutes a solid body ~~(64)~~ in which there are formed a first duct ~~(68)~~ which extends substantially along an axis of the spoke and is in flow communication with the inflation chamber ~~(48)~~ through the lateral surface ~~(46)~~ of the rim ~~(32)~~, and a second duct ~~(72)~~ which is arranged substantially perpendicularly relative to the first duct ~~(68)~~ so that, in the region of a first end ~~(76)~~ of the second duct ~~(72)~~ which faces towards the first duct ~~(68)~~, the second duct ~~(72)~~ intersects the first duct ~~(68)~~ so as to create a flow communication between the first duct and the second duct ~~(68, 72)~~ and, in the region of a second end ~~(80)~~ remote from the first end ~~(76)~~, the second duct ~~(72)~~ emerges laterally from the at least one spoke ~~(52)~~ with an opening ~~(84)~~, the opening ~~(84)~~ being suitable for connection to inflation means.

2. **(currently amended)** A vehicle wheel ~~(4)~~ according to Claim 1, comprising a central plane ~~(R)~~ arranged perpendicularly relative to the axle ~~(6)~~ **of the wheel**, the central plane ~~(R)~~ dividing the wheel ~~(4)~~ into two half-portions arranged symmetrically on opposite sides of the central plane ~~(R)~~.

3. **(currently amended)** A vehicle wheel ~~(4)~~ according to Claim 1 ~~or Claim 2~~, in which the second duct ~~(72)~~ emerges, in the region of the second end ~~(80)~~, in a raised portion ~~(88)~~ which projects from the at least one spoke ~~(52)~~.

4. **(currently amended)** A vehicle wheel ~~(4)~~ according to Claim 3, in which the

raised portion ~~(88)~~ comprises a flattened surface ~~(92)~~ at a free end of the raised portion ~~(88)~~.

5. **(currently amended)** A vehicle wheel ~~(4)~~ according to Claim 4, in which the flattened surface ~~(92)~~ constitutes an abutment for an inflation valve ~~(94)~~.

6. **(currently amended)** A vehicle wheel ~~(4)~~ according to Claim 4 ~~or Claim 5~~, in which the flattened surface ~~(92)~~ constitutes an abutment for sealing means ~~(128)~~, the sealing means ~~(128)~~ being interposed between the second duct and an inflation valve ~~(94)~~.

7. **(currently amended)** A vehicle wheel ~~(4)~~ according to **Claim 1** ~~any one of the preceding claims~~, in which the first and second ducts ~~(68, 72)~~ extend for a distance shorter than the rim-attachment portion ~~(60)~~ of the at least one spoke ~~(52)~~.

8. **(currently amended)** A vehicle wheel ~~(4)~~ according to **Claim 1** ~~any one of the preceding claims~~, in which the second duct ~~(72)~~ constitutes a seat suitable for housing an inflation valve ~~(94)~~.

9. **(currently amended)** A vehicle wheel ~~(4)~~ according to Claim 8, in which the second duct ~~(72)~~ comprises, in an internal side wall ~~(96)~~ thereof, a threaded portion ~~(100)~~ suitable for forming a threaded connection with a corresponding threaded portion ~~(116)~~ of a valve body ~~(108)~~ of an inflation valve ~~(94)~~.

10. **(currently amended)** A vehicle wheel ~~(4)~~ according to **Claim 1** ~~any one of the preceding claims~~, in which the first duct ~~(68)~~ extends substantially radially.

11. **(currently amended)** A vehicle wheel ~~(4)~~ according to **Claim 1** ~~any one of Claims 1 to 10~~, in which the first duct ~~(68)~~ extends substantially symmetrically with respect to the central plane ~~(R)~~.

12. **(currently amended)** A vehicle wheel ~~(4)~~ according to **Claim 1** ~~any one of Claims 1 to 11~~, in which the second duct ~~(72)~~ extends substantially perpendicularly relative to the central plane ~~(R)~~ of the wheel ~~(4)~~.

13. **(currently amended)** A vehicle wheel ~~(4)~~ according to **Claim 1** ~~any one of Claims 1 to 12~~, in which the second duct is positioned outside a projection, onto the central plane ~~(R)~~, of at least one brake disc mounted firmly and coaxially on the hub in the region of an axial end ~~(20)~~ of the hub ~~(8)~~.

14. **(currently amended)** A vehicle wheel ~~(4)~~ according to **Claim 1** ~~any one of the preceding claims~~, in which the wheel ~~(4)~~ comprises a bush suitable for being housed in the second duct ~~(72)~~ and suitable for housing in its interior a valve body ~~(108)~~ of an inflation valve ~~(94)~~.

15. **(currently amended)** A vehicle wheel ~~(4)~~ according to Claim 14 in which the bush is made of brass.

16. **(currently amended)** A vehicle wheel ~~(4)~~ according to Claim 14 in which the bush is made of an aluminium alloy.

17. **(currently amended)** A vehicle wheel ~~(4)~~ according to **Claim 1** ~~any one of the preceding claims~~, in which the wheel ~~(4)~~ is made of an aluminium alloy.

18. **(currently amended)** A vehicle wheel ~~(4)~~ according to **Claim 1** ~~any one of Claims 1 to 16~~, in which the wheel ~~(4)~~ is made of a magnesium alloy.

19. **(currently amended)** A vehicle wheel ~~(4)~~ according to **Claim 1** ~~any one of the preceding claims~~, comprising an inflation valve ~~(94)~~ suitable for being fitted in the second duct ~~(72)~~ so as to constitute a means for the inflation of a tyre ~~(44)~~ that can be associated with the wheel ~~(4)~~.

20. **(currently amended)** A vehicle wheel ~~(4)~~ according to **Claim 1** ~~any one of the preceding claims~~, in which the first duct ~~(68)~~ is blind in the direction in which the at least one spoke ~~(52)~~ extends.

21. **(currently amended)** A method for the manufacture of a wheel ~~(4)~~ according to **Claim 1** ~~**any one of the preceding claims**~~, comprising the steps of:

producing, by means of a casting process, a rim ~~(32)~~ having a spoke ~~(52)~~ comprising, in the region of a solid body ~~(64)~~, a first duct ~~(68)~~ extending radially, and a raised portion ~~(88)~~ extending axially,

drilling the spoke axially ~~(52)~~ in the region of the raised portion ~~(88)~~ so as to produce a second duct ~~(72)~~ which intersects the first duct **(68)**, and

flattening the raised portion ~~(88)~~ in a plane perpendicular to the axle ~~(6)~~.

22. **(currently amended)** A method for the manufacture of a wheel ~~(4)~~ according to Claim 21, in which the first duct ~~(68)~~ is blind in the direction in which the spoke ~~(52)~~ extends.

23. **(currently amended)** A method for the manufacture of a wheel ~~(4)~~ according to Claim 21 ~~**or Claim 22**~~, comprising the step of forming a thread in the internal side wall ~~(96)~~ of the second duct ~~(72)~~.